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Participating Organizations in the Parkson Water Treatment Plant Installation

The following organizations are contributing to the new and improved water system.

Parkson Corporation – Provided the 47 ton water purification system (valued at \$400,000). A Parkson engineer also came to Thailand for two weeks to help commission the equipment and train the operators. Parkson is also providing funds for chemicals (approximately \$16,000) to service the system for one year. Parkson was directly responsible for the conceptual design, planning, purchasing, fabrication, and startup of the system for Kuk Kak. The donation would not have been possible without the financial support and encouragement offered by their parent company, Axel Johnson, Inc. and its owner Ms. Antonia Ax:son Johnson.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) – The US Agency for International Development (USAID) provided overall technical oversight and coordination for the project, championed the alignment of both US and Thai partners, and introduced the partnership with Crisis Corps.

U.S. Peace Corps' Crisis Corps Program – Provided a water system engineer volunteer, Mark Henley, to work for three months with local Thai authorities and Parkson Corporation on equipment installation and operator training. Mr. Henley is a Thai-speaking engineer who served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand for two years in the early 1990's and who currently works as a Facility Engineer with the Washington State, Department of Ecology.

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U.S. Foreign Commercial Service (USFCS) – Helped leveraged resources among other private businesses to ship the Parkson equipment from North America.

Heart to Heart, a US-based organization that delivers relief and development supplies internationally, led the solicitation of FedEx's donated services (valued at \$22,700) and helped coordinate logistics between Parkson and FedEx.

U.S. Embassy in Bangkok facilitated duty free consignment of the shipment through the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Kuk Kak Tambon Administrative Office (TAO) - Provided \$45,000 (1.8 Million Baht) to hire a local Thai contractor to perform earthwork, concrete work, equipment installation, piping and electrical work. Several TAO staff also participated in installation and will operate and maintain the system.

Thai Provincial Waterworks Authority (PWA) – Assisted in site assessment and laid approximately 6 kilometers of piping connecting the new treatment plant to an upstream water source and a resettlement village.

CDS Overseas (FedEX's local shipper in Thailand) – Provided ship-to-door delivery of the 47 ton water system.

Chemitreat (Thailand) Inc. – An industrial equipment and engineering company and the licensed sole distributor in Thailand of the donated Lamella Clarifier and DynaSand filter, provided technical support in project preparation and will participate in operator training and facilitate long term sustainable management and repairs to the system.

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